

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 28 and 37-44, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claim 27, as follows.

1-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A multi-beam scanning apparatus comprising:

a light source unit comprising a laser light source and a driving circuit board for driving said laser light source, said laser light source including a laser chip having a plurality of emission points for emitting laser beams and a terminal for energizing the laser chip, said driving circuit board being connected to the terminal of said laser light source and having a longitudinal edge;

scanning means for scanning a surface to be scanned with the laser beams emitted by said light source unit; and

a housing having a wall,

wherein said housing contains said scanning means and supports said light source unit on the wall, and

wherein the terminal of said laser light source is fixed to said driving circuit board such that a straight line passing the plurality of emission points of said laser light source is inclined with respect to the longitudinal edge of said driving circuit board, the

longitudinal edge of said driving circuit board being arranged substantially in parallel with a longitudinal edge of the wall of said housing.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 27, wherein said driving circuit board has a substantially rectangular shape.

30. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 27, wherein said light source unit further comprises a holder holding said laser light source.

31. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 30, wherein said holder has a reference surface and holds said laser light source such that a straight line inclined with respect to the reference surface passes the plurality of emission points.

32. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 27, wherein the plurality of emission points of said laser light source is arranged linearly.

33. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 27, wherein the plurality of emission points of said laser light source is arranged two-dimensionally.

34. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 30, wherein said light source unit further comprises a collimator lens for collimating the laser beams emitted from said laser light source and a lens barrel holding said collimator lens, said lens barrel being integrated with said holder.

35. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 27, wherein said laser light source is a multi-beam semiconductor laser.

36. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 27, wherein said scanning means comprises a rotary polygon mirror for deflecting the laser beams emitted by said light source unit and an imaging lens for focusing the laser beams deflected by said rotary polygon mirror.

37-57. (Canceled)